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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>CHU, David Z.J.</p> <p>Serial No.: 10/749,877</p> <p>Filed: December 31, 2003</p> <p>For: EXPANDABLE SURGICAL RETRACTOR FOR INTERNAL BODY SPACES APPROACHED WITH MINIMALLY INVASIVE INCISIONS OR THROUGH EXISTING ORIFICES</p>	<p>Examiner: Cary E. O'Connor</p> <p>Group Art Unit: 3732</p> <p>Conf. No.: 6326</p> <p>Docket No.: 54435.8002.US01</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 20th of December 2006 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p> Rena lov</p>
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**TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:
 - ☒ Amendment and Response to Office Action.
 - ☒ Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time.
 - ☒ Replacement and New Drawings (4 sheets, Figures 1-3).
2. Entity Status:
 - ☒ Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27) has been previously established.
3. Conditional Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time, if necessary, for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures.

4. Fee Calculation and Payment:

For:	(Col. 1) No. Filed	(Col. 2) No. Extra	Small Entity			Other Than a Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Total Claims	52 – 69	0	x \$ 25 =	\$	or	x \$ 50 =	\$
Independent Claims	7 – 6	1	X \$100 =	\$100.00	or	x \$200 =	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$180 =	\$	or	+ \$360 =	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Fee				\$510.00			\$
*If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2.			TOTAL	\$610.00	or	TOTAL	\$

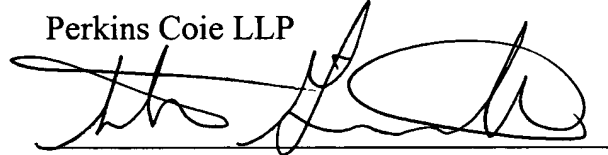
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the requisite fees in the amount of \$610.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2586. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

5. Provisional Fee Authorization

Please charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2586.

Respectfully submitted,

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